



*Celebrating
the Life
of*

Edgar Thomas Solomon II

Sunrise
May 14, 1953

Sunset
January 23, 2021

Monday, February 1, 2021 - 12pm

Church of God By Faith

114 Long Island Avenue, Wyandanch, NY 11798

Pastor Brian Cole, Officiating

Reflections

Edgar Thomas Solomon II was born on May 14th, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the son and first-born child to the late Edgar Thomas Solomon and late Cleta Delores Solomon. He attended PS 3 and PS 93 for elementary school, Hudde Middle School and Midwood High School. "Eddie" as he was lovingly called by family and friends, was a great student and excellent basketball player who was found most days after school and weekends on the basketball courts in Brooklyn, NY enjoying his favorite sport. He was such an amazing basketball player that people in the community started calling him "The Iceman," named after the Hall of Fame NBA player, George Gervin. All of those many hours of practice and game playing paid off when he was recruited by Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and received a full athletic scholarship. He played for Morehouse for two years, but missed his New York home so completed his college basketball career at St. Francis College, earning his degree in Mathematics and Psychology.

Eddie was a wonderful big brother to his little sister, Shastra (Sha) Brantley. Though they were 13 years apart, they had a very loving relationship and had mutual respect for each other. Eddie was also very close to and dearly loved big sister, Patricia (Pat) Solomon and nephews, Marc Lawrence and the late Gregory Lawrence who he shared very special bonds with as well as sister-cousin, Valerie Morgan, whom he loved very much and Ivey Ratliff, who was like a father to him. Eddie had many close friends who were like family and because of his easy going, sweet spirited personality, he was loved by all who knew him.

After college, Eddie became passionate about computers and was a computer programmer for years. His last employment involved working with the air traffic controllers in various airports as an Electrical Engineer. He happily retired in 2014.

In 1988, Eddie met the love of his life, Patricia (Pat) Greenridge while working at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank. Pat had a 7 year old son named Rahiem when they met, and he and Eddie fostered a wonderful father-son relationship. Eddie and Pat enjoyed many years together. Eddie was a great mentor to many young boys in the community as well. Pat and Eddie loved caring for young boys who didn't have parents around to support them academically or in sports. He taught some of them the game of basketball and others how to shoot pool. They enjoyed throwing BBQ's and enjoying family life with everyone. Pat and Eddie loved to go on cruises and travel with family and friends. New Orleans was one of their favorite vacation spots.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 2021, sweet Eddie peacefully made his transition from earth to Glory at his home in Wyandanch, New York as he wanted.

Eddie leaves to cherish his memory: loving and dedicated life partner, Patricia Greenridge of Wyandanch, NY; son, Raheim Greenridge of Wyandanch, NY; grandchildren, Rahiem Jr., Navani and Demetrius of NY; Pat's brothers, (late) Jerome Greenridge, (late) Vernon Greenridge, Perciva Greenridge (Maurice) Maryland and Kevin Greenridge; Pat's sisters, Martha Harmon (David) Maryland, Tara Johnson and Anika Charles (Florida); loving sisters, Shastra Brantley (David) of Concord, NC and Patricia Solomon of NY; cousin, Valerie Katrina Morgan of Pompano Beach, FL; niece, Serena Imani Brantley; nephews, Isaiah David Brantley of Concord, NC and Marc Lawrence (Brenda) of Middletown NY; four great nephews; uncle, Ivey Ratliff (Betty) Hawkinsville, GA; two great nieces; and a slew of precious cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:
Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful I will never return,
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
I cannot speak, but I can listen
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,
Remember me in your memories,
Remember me of the times we loved,
Remember me of the times we laughed,
Remember me of the times we cried,
Remember me of the times we fought
And always remember me of the times we
lived together. I am resting in peace with
the highest hope that some day
we shall all unite again in
God's Kingdom.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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